# **EE16A Lecture 19: Introduction to Wireless**

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### What Wireless Systems Have You Used?

#### Economic Impact of Wireless

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## U.S. wireless spectrum auction raises record \$44.9 billion

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(Reuters) - The U.S. Federal Communications Commission raised a record \$44.9 billion in the auction of so-called AWS-3 airwaves that closed on Thursday, marking the highest point yet in the wireless industry's appetite for more spectrum.

Wireless carriers Verizon Communications Inc, AT&T Inc and T-Mobile US Inc, satellite TV provider Dish Network Corp and others vied for new slices of airwaves to satisfy the growing consumer demand for streaming video and other data-guzzling applications.

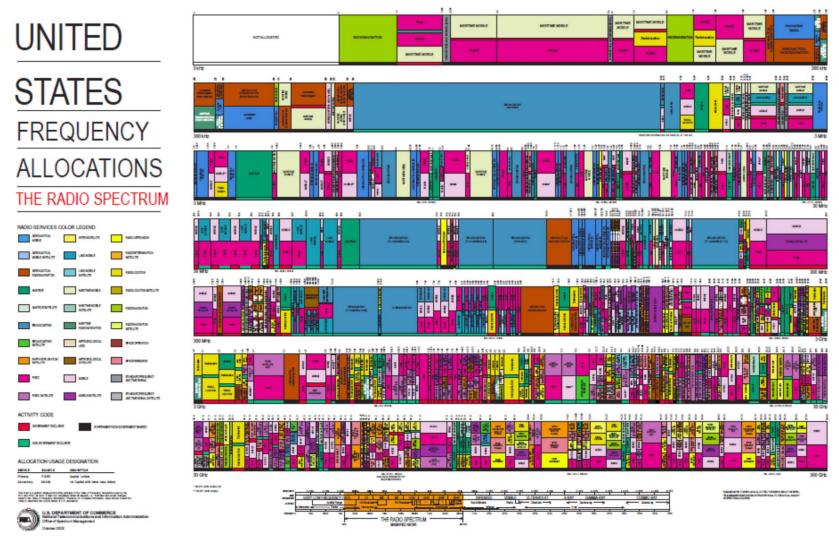
Regulators will disclose the winners of the auctioned spectrum licenses in the coming days.

The auction presented the largest opportunity for companies to buy new wireless spectrum since 2008. But it shattered the expectations of analysts and the FCC, barreling past the



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#### FCC Spectrum Allocation Chart



Key question: how can all of these work at the same time??